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Ethics on Aging

The grandfather of Ahmet was a very old man. Because of his great age, this grandfather often spilled some of the food that he was trying to eat. Sometimes he made a mess in the place where he was eating. Ahmet's mother, daughter-in-law of that household, became very annoyed at the messes caused by the old man, and one day she said to him, "From now on you will not sit at the table to eat your meals. You will sit in a corner by yourself and eat your food from a wooden plate."

One day shortly after that, Ahmet's mother saw her working hard to make something. She asked him, "What is it that you are making, Son?"

The boy answered, "I am making a wooden plate which I shall give to you when you grow older. Then you will be able to eat your food from this plate over there in that corner, just as my grandfather is doing now!"